

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

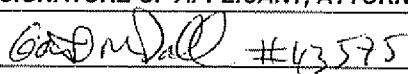
<p style="text-align: center;">Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</p> <p>Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p>	Application Number	10/724,221-Conf. #9834
	Filing Date	December 1, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Hiroshi KAMOHARA
	Art Unit	1712
	Examiner Name	K. L. Peng
	Attorney Docket Number	0171-1044P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114	Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.		
i. <input type="checkbox"/>	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____		
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amendment After Final Action Under 37 CFR 1.116 filed February 2, 2007		
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Enclosed		
i. <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment/Reply	iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
ii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	iv. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____
2. Miscellaneous			
a. <input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)		
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		
3. Fees	The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed		
a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2448</u> I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.		
i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)		
ii. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)		
iii. <input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____		
b. <input type="checkbox"/>	Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed		
c. <input type="checkbox"/>	Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature	 #43575	Date	February 28, 2007
Name (Print/Type)	Gerald M. Murphy, Jr.	Registration No	28,977